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RE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 1 REFTEL, I STRONGLY URGE THAT WE STOP URGING LEBANESE STRONGLY TO MOVE TROOPS TO SOUTH, UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN WE HAVE TO DATE. THEY FEEL THAT WE, MEANING THIS EMBASSY AND USUN IN PARTICULAR, HAVE ALREADY LED THEM DOWN THE GARDEN PATH AND HAVE PUSHED THEM INTO PRECIPITATE ACTION WHICH HAS ENDED IN EMBARRASSING FAILURE. I AM BEING CRITICIZED IN THE LOCAL PRESS (ONE PAPER YESTERDAY CALLED FOR MY DISMISSAL) AS HAVING BEEN UNREALISTIC. THIS IS ALL VERY UNFAIR AND DOES NOT BOTHER ME, BUT IT IS AN INDICATION WHERE THE BLAME IS BEING PUT BY THE GOL. IT ALSO MEANS GOL WILL BE VERY WARY ABOUT FOLLOWING OUR ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. PARKER

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